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REMARKS

With regard to the requirement for election and restriction, which is the only point raised in the Official Action mailed on July 15, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the Group 1 claims, namely, Claims 1-22, for examination. Claims 23 - 103 are withdrawn.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1 to 103 to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Group 1, which includes claims 1-22;
- Group 2, which includes claims 23-45;
- Group 3, which includes claims 46-73;
- Group 3, which includes claims 74-81;
- Group 3, which includes claims 82-92; and
- Group 3, which includes claims 93-103.


To facilitate the prosecution of this case, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-22, with traverse and reserves the right to file divisionals to the non-elected Groups 2, 3, 3, 3, and 3 claims. Applicants respectfully suggests that the claims are related such that simultaneous search and examination of all claim groups identified by the Examiner would not present an undue burden and would be more efficient than separate search and examination.

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It is believed that an action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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